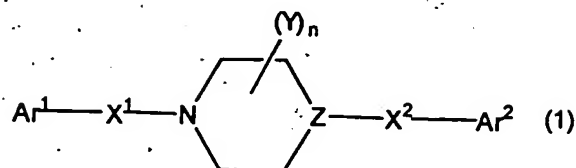


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Abstract

The invention is directed to compounds of the formula



5 and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof
wherein Ar¹ is indole, benzimidazole, or benzotriazole, optionally substituted with lower
alkyl (1-4C), halo, or lower alkoxy (1-4C);

X¹ is CO or an isostere thereof;

Y is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted
10 arylalkyl;

n is 0 or 1;

Z is CH or N;

X² is CH, CH₂ or an isostere thereof; and

Ar² consists of one or two phenyl moieties directly coupled to X² and optionally
15 substituted by halo, nitro, alkyl (1-6C), CN or CF₃, or by RCO, COOR, CONR₂, NR₂, OR
or SR, wherein R is H or alkyl (1-6C) or by phenyl, itself optionally substituted by the
foregoing substituents;

with the proviso that if Z is N, X¹ is CO, and Ar¹ is indole, Ar¹ must be coupled to X¹
through the 2-, 5-, 6- or 7-position.

20 These compounds are useful in the treatment of conditions associated with
inflammation. In addition, the above compounds and other compounds described herein
are useful in treating conditions associated with cardiac failure.